

REMARKS

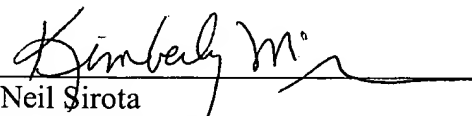
Claims 1-27 have been rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,586,352 of Kiik et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,551,203 of Alderman et al. under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicants respectfully traverse the double patenting rejection. However, in order to secure the prompt issuance of the pending application, applicant submits herewith the requested terminal disclaimer. As such, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

A check in payment of the one month extension of time and the fee required in connection with submission of a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) is enclosed. Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is required. However, if any additional fee is required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit or any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

By:


Neil Sirota
Patent Office Reg. No. 38,306

Kimberly J. McGraw
Patent Office Reg. No. 50,994

30 Rockefeller Plaza
44th Floor
New York, NY 10112-4498

Attorneys for Applicants
(212) 408-2500